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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR EG LY XF  
SUBJ: EGYPTIAN BORDER CLASH WITH LIBYA

1. THE SHAH TOLD ME AUGUST 1 THAT HE HAD JUST RECEIVED A LETTER FROM PRES SADAT EXPLAINING THE BORDER CLASH WITH LIBYA. THE SHAH'S DRY COMMENT WAS THAT SADAT WAS A LITTLE TARDY IN GETTING OUT HIS EXPLANATION. IN HIS VIEW, THE GENERAL WORLD APPRECIATION OF THE FIGHTING WAS THAT EGYPT WAS THE AGGRESSOR. THE SHAH COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WHY SADAT HAD NOT PUBLICIZED LIBYAN ATTACKS WHICH LED UP TO THE EGYPTIAN RAID.

2. AS FOR THE MILITARY OUTCOME OF THE ACTION, THE SHAH SAID HE WAS DISAPPOINTED. HE HAD PREVIOUSLY COUNSELED SADAT THAT, IF HE WAS GOING TO HAVE A GO AT QADHAFI, HE SHOULD "FINISH HIM OFF". NOW, QADHAFI EMERGES AS A HERO IN LIBYA AND SADAT HAS LOST  
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STATUS WITH HIS OWN MILITARY.

3. FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH, THE EGYPTIAN EMB LINE ON THE LOCAL COCKTAIL CIRCUIT IS THAT THE SOVIETS PROVOKED THE ACTION BECAUSE THEY SAW A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT TO THE ARAB-ISRAEL DISPUTE BEGINNING TO CONSOLIDATE AND THEY WISH TO FRUSTRATE SUCH A SETTLEMENT BY DISRUPTING ARAB UNITY.

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